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1. SUMMARY. ALTHOUGH OFFICIAL GOC LINE APPARENTLY IS TO DOWNPLAY EXPRESSIONS OF TRIUMPH OVER OAS VOTE AND EMPHASIZE HARMONY IN OAS, LEADING PRESS EDITORIALS ARE TRUMPETING VICTORY. GEM. PINOCHET WILL HALLY NATION THIS EVENING IN "HARD-HITTING" SPEECH ON INTERNATIONAL MARXIST CAMPAIGN AGAINST CHILE IN EVIDENT RECOGNITION IMPACT OF RECENT ADVERSE UN VOTES. END SUMMARY.

2. CHILEAN FONMIN ADMIRAL PATRICIO CARVAJAL RETURNED TO SANTIAGO FROM QUITO ON NOV 13 AND TOLD WAITNNG PRESS THAT "CHILE IS THE LEADER OF DEMOCRACY IN AMERICA." SHOWING OBVIOUS SATISFACTION AND PRIDE OVER OUTCOME OF QUITO MEETING, CARVAJAL ALSO WAS CAREFUL TO DENY THAT OAS UNITY HASBEEN WEAKENED. WHEN ASKED IF IT A FACT THAT VARIOUS NATIONS MAY ESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA DESPITE VOTE AT QUITO, CARVAJAL RESPONDED THAT "THE DANGER IS NOT TO THZAOAS BUT MORE TO THOSE NATIONS WHICH MAY REESTABLISH RELATIONS WITH CUBA."

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3. CARVAJAL SAID THAT POSITION OF CHILE COINCIDED FULLY

WITH THAT OF OTHER TWO NATIONS WHICH VOTED AGAINST LIFTING
SANCTIONS, BUT "NO BLOC WAS FORMED."

4. ALTHOUGH THEIR HEADLINES REFLECTED OFFICIAL LINE OF
CONCILIATION AND AVOIDANCE OF TOO PRONOUNCED EXPRESSIONS
OF TRIUMPH, LEADING CONSERVATIVE NEWSPAPER "EL MERCURIO"
AND GOC-OWNED "LA PATRIA" CARRIED EDITORIALS NOV 14 UN-
RESERVEDLY HAILING "TRIUMPH OF CHILEAN POSITION" AND "VICTORY
FOR PRINCIPLE IN THE OAS." EL MERCURIO EDITORIALIST SPECI-
FICALLY CITED VICTORY AS "INDISPUTABLE TRIUMPH FOR THE CHILEAN
FOREIGN MINISTRY." ACCORDING MERCURIO, CONTINUATION OF SANC-
TIONS AGAINST CUBA "IS RESULT OF CHILEAN DIPLOMATIC TENACITY,"
AND INDICATES THAT "PRINCIPLES AND FACTS (STILL) ARE MORE
VALUED THAN INTERESTS" IN THE OAS.

5. IN TWO SHORT LINES, HOWEVER,
MERCURIO REVEALS OTHER DEEP
CONCERNS: "UNITED STATES DEMONSTRATED ITS EVIDENT DISINTEREST,
SYMBOLIZED BY THE ABSENCE OF HENRY KISSINGER..." AND, AFTER
COMMENT ON MAINTENANCE OF VALUE OF FACTS AND PRINCIPLES OVER
INTERESTS IN OAS, "IT IS PAINFUL TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE SAME
DOES NOT OCCUR IN LARGER ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE UN."

6. CHIEF OF STATE GEN. PINOCHET WILL ADDRESS NATION THIS
EVENING (NOV 14) ON RADIO AND TV. SPEECH HAS BEEN BUILT
UP IN PRESS AS HARD-HITTING TALK ON INTERNATIONAL CAM-
PAIGN AGAINST CHILE AND DANGERS OF INTERNATIONAL MARXISM AS
DEMONSTRATED IN UN (REFTEL B). WE EXPECT PINOCHET
WILL RALLY NATION AGAINST EXTERNAL THREATS, PERHAPS RE-
FLECTING HARDER "COLD WAR" LINE TAKEN IN EDITORIALS.
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